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MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE

Welcome, Young Warriors!

June already! It seems like only yesterday when we were shivering from the winter colds and looking forward to the warm summer nights!

I don't want to give too much away about this issue... but I have tried something special with two of the stories. When you have finished reading the adventures on the following pages, why not write to me and let me know what you think about it?

This is your **last chance** to vote in the Villain You Love To Hate poll. For those of you who missed the details when they were first announced, I'll repeat them now. We are conducting a poll to find out which **Masters of the Universe** villain you like to read about the most. All you have to do is write the name on a postcard (or on the back of a sealed envelope) and post it to our usual address.

That's all for this issue. I'll write to you again soon.

Scrollos

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STRANGE UNIVERSE

'SLOW' ROCKET SHIPS ARE POSSIBLE!
In order to escape from the earth's gravity a rocket needs to travel at 25,000 miles (40,250 km) per hour! The main reason for needing such a high 'escape velocity' is the weight of the rocket fuel itself. If we could develop a lighter fuel (eg use atomic power), rockets could travel into space at the same speed as a plane!

A LIGHTNING BOLT IS NEVER ALONE!
Although it looks like one, continuous bolt, lightning is actually a collection of ***thousands*** *of electrical sparks all released together! But because the sparks move in slightly different directions we see lightning bolts as jagged streaks.*

SNOW IS NOT ALWAYS WHITE!
In many parts of the world, snow of various colour has been known to fall! So far blue, green, red and even black snow has been recorded! The colour is created by certain fungi or dust particles in the air around which the snowflakes form.

COUNTING STARS!
At one time Man tried to give individual names to the stars! By the time of the first Star Catalogue (AD 137) 1,025 stars had been listed... far too many for individual names! A system was devised therefore, to list the stars by letters and numbers. As telescopes improved we discovered many more stars; around 457,000 in 1986. Imagine having to give a name to each of them!

ORKO THE MAGICIAN

I HAVE DECIDED TO LOOK FOR A BOOK ON MAGIC. IT MIGHT HELP ME TO GET MY SPELLS CORRECT!
THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PERFECT BOOK. WAIT A MINUTE...THIS ISN'T ABOUT MAGIC!
HOW TO MAGIC
OH NO! IT'S A VOLUME OF AN ENCYCLOPEDIA SET... FROM THE WORD HOW TO THE WORD MAGIC!
ENCYCLOPEDIAS
HOW TO MAGIC

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MIND STONE

AS ETERNIA SLOWLY SPINS IN ITS ORBIT, IT ATTRACTS A STRANGE VISITOR FROM THE DEPTHS OF UNCHARTED SPACE. PULLED BY THE 'GRAVITY WELL' SURROUNDING THE PLANET, A LARGE METEOR IS CAUGHT IN A SPIRALLING DESCENT TOWARDS THE SURFACE...

MOST OF THE METEOR BURNS AWAY AS IT MOVES THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE. THE TINY REMAINDER EXPLODES WITH THE IMPACT OF A HUNDRED MISSILES AS IT CRASHES INTO THE ETERNIAN SOIL...

A SSSTRANGE OBJECT HASSS FALLEN FROM THE SSSKY!

WAH-TOOM

LET'SSS GO AND INVESTIGATE!

A PARTY OF EVOKS SOON ARRIVE AT THE SITE OF THE IMPACT...

LOOK! THERE ISSS SSSOMETHING DOWN THERE!

I SSSEE IT! A SSSTONE OF SSSOME KIND.

SHORTLY...

THISSS ISS ALL THAT REMAINSSS OF THE SSSTONE. WE WILL KEEP IT IN OUR VILLAGE TO REMIND USSS OF THISSS GREAT EVENT.

GIVE IT TO THE SSSTONE CARVER AND LET HIM MAKE A SSSTATUE OUT OF IT. THEN WE CAN HONOUR IT.

AS THE EVOKS CELEBRATE THE CARVING OF THE STRANGE OBJECT THEY ARE UNAWARE THAT SKELETOR SPIES ON THEM THROUGH A MYSTIC PROJECTOR...

IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING WORTHWHILE, WHIPLASH. YOU WERE RIGHT TO CALL ME HERE WHEN YOU SAW WHAT THE EVOKS WERE DOING.

WHATEVER THEY DANCE AROUND MUST BE VALUABLE, SKELETOR. LET'S TAKE IT!

MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY, SPIKOR, YOU AND WHIPLASH GO DOWN AND GET IT FOR ME.

THE EVOK CELEBRATION IS SHATTERED BY SKELETOR'S HENCHMEN...

SSSKELETOR'S EVIL HENCHMEN! I MUST SSSAVE THE SSSTATUE!

HA, HA! THIS WILL BE AN EASY JOB. SEE HOW THEY RUN AWAY FROM US!

SUDDENLY, A STRANGE THING HAPPENS ...

I WISH I WASS WHIPLASH, I'D SSSOON ...

... RID OUR TRIBE OF THIS EVIL MENACE! HUH! I'VE TRANSFERRED MY MIND INTO SSSKELETOR'S REPTILE MINION!

TOUCHING THAT SSSTONE MUST HAVE PROJECTED MY MIND. THIS IS MY CHANCE TO SSSAVE MY VILLAGE! TAKE THAT, SSSPIKOR!

OOF!

KRACK!

SWHIPFZZZ

MEANWHILE, THE EVOKS ARE BEING OBSERVED BY A VERY ANGRY SKELETOR...

THE DOLTS! HOW HAS SUCH AN EASY TASK SO CONFUSED THEM? THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER POWER AT WORK HERE. I'LL USE MY STAFF TO FIND OUT MORE.

USING HIS POWERS OF MAGIC, SKELETOR TELEPORTS NEAR HIS FIGHTING HENCHMEN...

MY STAFF HAS ALREADY REVEALED TO ME WHAT HAS HAPPENED. SOMEHOW THAT STATUE ALLOWS THE POSSESSOR TO PROJECT HIS MIND. IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT, IT COULD PROVE TO BE THE PERFECT WEAPON FOR DESTROYING HE-MAN!

MY NEGA-BOLT SHOULD PUT THINGS BACK THE WAY THEY WERE.

THE PAIN! CAN'T STAY IN THIS BODY...

...MUST RETURN TO MY TRUE BODY. AGH!

BLATZ!

SKELETOR QUICKLY CASTS A SECOND SPELL AND GAINS CONTROL OF THE STATUE ...

AND NOW I HAVE THE POWER I NEED TO MAKE ETERNIA MINE!

AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMEONE, SKELETOR!

AWK! THAT VOICE...

THAT FALLING METEOR CAUGHT MORE THAN YOUR ATTENTION, SKELETOR. I CAME TO MAKE SURE THAT NO HARM HAS BEEN CAUSED, AND IT LOOKS LIKE I ARRIVED JUST IN TIME.

HE-MAN! THE ONE PERSON I HATE THE MOST ON THIS DIRT-BALL OF A PLANET!

WELL NO ONE CAN SAY THAT YOU DON'T SHOW YOUR FEELINGS, SKULL-FACE!

THERE ARE SOME THINGS BEST LEFT UNSAID, SKELETOR. NOW YOU'VE GONE AND HURT MY FEELINGS, CALLING MY MASTER NAMES LIKE THAT!

BEFORE HE-MAN CAN MAKE A MOVE SKELETOR STRIKES!

RATHER THAN FIGHT SIMPLE ME, HE-MAN, WHY NOT FIGHT...

... ME INSTEAD!

WHAT DEVILISH ENCHANTMENT IS THIS! SKELETOR HAS TAKEN OVER BATTLE CAT AND IS ABOUT TO ATTACK ME!

CROW!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO STAND FOR LONG AGAINST BATTLE CAT BEFORE ONE OF US IS SERIOUSLY HURT ...

... SO LET'S MAKE THIS AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE!

IT'S NO GOOD, HE-MAN! IT'S EITHER YOU OR BATTLE CAT, DECIDE WHICH IT IS TO BE!

NOOO! HE-MAN'S USING ME TO BATTLE AGAINST MYSELF!

I'VE DROPPED THE STATUE AND BROKEN THE MENTAL LINK. BATTLE CAT IS FREE!

JUST ONE CHANCE! I'M SAFE IF THEY DON'T SEE WHAT I'M DOING!

TO MY SIDE, HENCHMEN, AND DEFEND ME!

DURING THE CONFUSION OF COMBAT, SKELETOR CHARGES THE STATUE WITH A SECRET SPELL. WITHIN MOMENTS THE STATUE BEGINS TO FLOAT AWAY FROM THE EVOK VILLAGE...

SPLAT-ZZ...

CLANG!

GOOD! HE-MAN IS TOO BUSY TO SEE WHAT I'M DOING... AND THAT SHOULD PROVE HIS UNDOING.

THIS DUPLICATE STATUE WILL FOOL HE-MAN INTO THINKING THAT THE TRUE STATUE IS STILL HERE. HE WILL WIN HIS PRECIOUS BATTLE... BUT I WILL WIN THE WAR!

HERE, HE-MAN. YOU SEEM TO WANT THIS MORE THAN I DO.

THE STATUE... HEADING FOR THE FIRE!

WELL CAUGHT, HE-MAN! BUT BY CATCHING THAT YOU HAVE MISSED ME!

BEFORE THE ETERNIAN CHAMPION CAN REACT...

JUST WHEN I HAD THEM IN MY CLAWS...GRRR!

AFTER SKELETOR HAS GONE...

GONE! BUT AT LEAST HE DIDN'T GET THIS.

I'M AFRAID HE DID, HE-MAN. THAT IS NOT THE STATUE WE CARVED. OUR STATUE WAS MADE OF STONE, THAT'S MADE OF WOOD!

NO WONDER HE WAS SO WILLING TO LET US HAVE THE STATUE. HE MUST HAVE SWITCHED THEM DURING THE FIGHT. NO DOUBT HE SENT THE ORIGINAL ONE TO...

SNAKE MOUNTAIN, THE HOME OF SKELETOR AND HIS EVIL HENCHMEN...

MY SPELL COMMANDED THE STATUE TO GO TO SNAKE MOUNTAIN AND AWAIT OUR RETURN.

ALL HE-MAN HAS TO SHOW FOR HIS 'VICTORY' IS A WOODEN STATUE WHILE I HAVE THE KEY TO HIS DESTRUCTION!

HAS SKELETOR AT LAST DEFEATED HE-MAN? IS THIS A VICTORY FOR THE FORCES OF EVIL? FIND OUT THE ANSWER IN THE THRILLING CONCLUSION TO THIS STORY IN 'MACHINE WARS', BEGINNING ON THE PAGE AFTER NEXT!

NEXT ISSUE: HORDAK'S DROID OF DESTRUCTION!

Master Mail

Dear Scrollos,
I think that **Buzz Off** should have a lot more to do and say! He is one of my favourite characters. My favourite Horde member is Modulok. I also like **Sy-Klone,** but I would like to know if he gets dizzy when he spins around?

Michael Townsend, ESSEX.

Thanks for your questions, Mike! Your question about Sy-Klone is a good one. He does not get dizzy when he spins because one of his supernatural powers is the ability to spin without getting dizzy.

Dear Scrollos,
Is it a miracle, or is it a miracle that your comic is the only comic I've read (and I've read plenty) that is **all He-Man?** Even the cover of the comic is something to do with **He-Man!** Can you please tell me why that is. I actually prefer it.

A.D. Edwards, SHROPSHIRE.

The answer is quite simple... we want to give you the best bargain on the news-stand! I know that a lot of other comics put a famous character on the cover and then fill the comic with other stories, but we will never do that. Even if it does mean that we have to work much harder. We believe that you, our special readers, are well worth it!

Dear Scrollos,
I want to congratulate you on M.O.T.U. magazine. I hope you will include **She-Ra** in some of the stories... or set up a sister comic for her! Of course you may be well ahead of me and already have something in the pipeline!

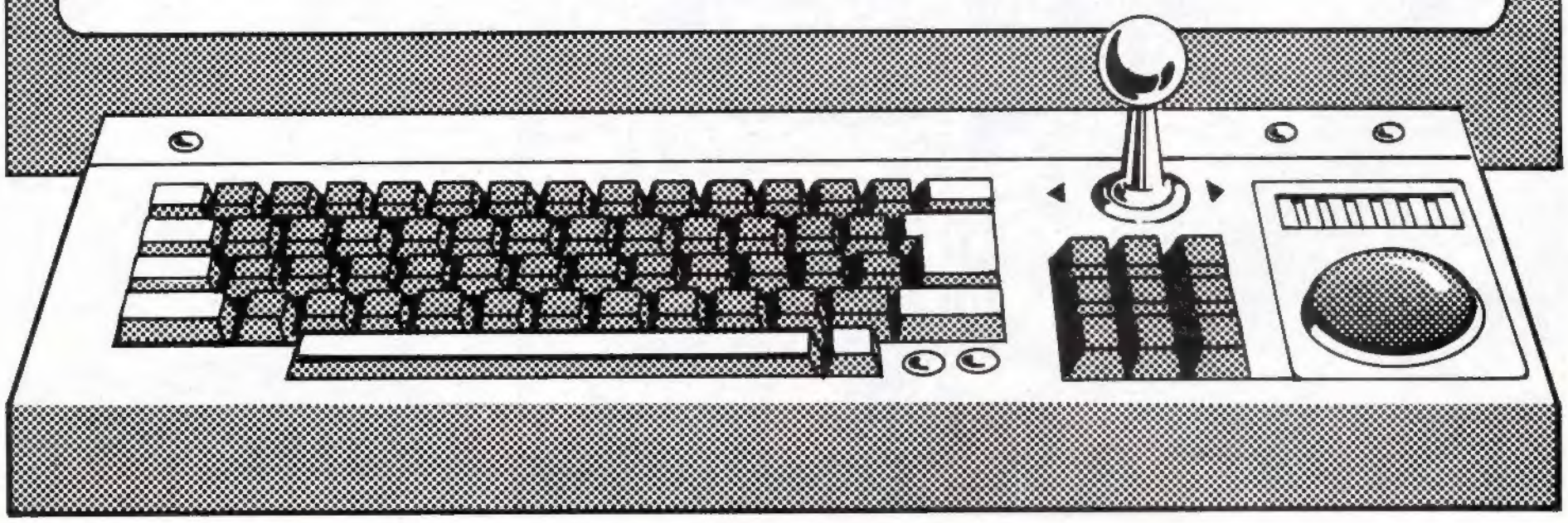
Julie Tregale, DEVON.

It was kind of you to write to me, Julie. Your question about She-Ra is well timed because we are... but that's secret for now! If we ever did publish a comic on She-Ra it would definitely be a 'sister comic', Adam's sister!

Dear Scrollos,
Who is **He-Man's** best friend? How does **He-Man** change back into Adam? Is Catra with the Evil Horde?

Alan Grant, ABELOUR.

I can see that you believe in getting straight to the point, Alan! He-Man's best friend is Duncan, who is better known as Man-At-Arms. The way in which He-Man changes back to Adam is really very simple, he strikes his sword once again and repeats his oath. Your third question is very interesting... and the answer will be revealed in a story coming your way in a later issue of M.O.T.U.



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MACHINE WARS

ONCE A YEAR, ON KING RANDOR'S 'OFFICAL' BIRTHDAY, MAN-AT-ARMS GIVES A DEMONSTRATION OF THE HEROIC VEHICLES TO ENTERTAIN THE PEOPLE. MEANWHILE, MOST OF THE WARRIORS STAY IN THE CITY AND THE ROYAL PALACE READY TO DEFEND THEM AGAINST AN ATTACK...

... AND FINALLY, WE WILL DEMONSTRATE THE ACCURACY OF THE BATTLE RAM. SINCE THIS IS OUR LAST VEHICLE TO BE DISPLAYED WE HAVE PREPARED A PLEASANT SURPRISE TO GO WITH IT.

A WIND RAIDER SWOOPS TOWARDS THE PLAIN AND DROPS A MYSTERIOUS BOX...

THAT BOX REPRESENTS A SMALL, FAST MOVING TARGET... SUCH AS A MISSILE. LET'S SEE WHAT THE BATTLE RAM CAN DO AGAINST IT.

THE TARGET EXPLODES AND A SPECIAL MESSAGE IS REVEALED...

THESE FIREWORKS ARE SO BRIGHT THAT THEY CAN BE CCEARLY SEEN, EVEN IN STRONG DAYLIGHT! ALL ETERNIA CELEBRATES WITH KING RANDOR TODAY!

HAPPY BUTHPAY KING RANDOR

BUT NOT ALL ETERNIANS ARE HAPPY TODAY...

BAH! WHAT USE IS A JUST AND FAIR KING! I SHOULD RULE THIS PUNY WORLD... AND I WILL, NOW THAT I HAVE THE PROJECTA-STONE!

THIS INCREDIBLE IDOL WILL ALLOW ME TO PROJECT MY MIND INTO THE WARRIOR VEHICLES! IF I CAN DESTROY MOST OF THEIR MACHINES HERE OUR PLANNED ATTACK ON ETERNOS WILL SURELY SUCCEED!

WITH THE FANTASTIC FIREWORK DISPLAY GRABBING ALL THE ATTENTION, LITTLE NOTICE IS GIVEN TO AN EXTRA LIGHT FLOATING NEAR THE ATTAK TRAK...

ONCE I ENTER THIS MACHINE I WILL BE ABLE TO USE IT AS I WOULD USE MY BODY. THE ONLY WAY I CAN BE STOPPED IS BY THE HEROES DESTROYING THEIR OWN VEHICLES! MY PLAN IS FOOLPROOF!

SKELETOR'S MALEVOLENT MENTAL FORCE TAKES CONTROL OVER A MACHINE...

MAN-AT-ARMS, LOOK OUT!

IT'S NO USE, HE'S TOO FAR AWAY TO HEAR ME!

FIRSTLY, I'LL DESTROY MAN-AT-ARMS... AND THEN HE-MAN!

HE-MAN LEAPS TO THE DEFENCE OF HIS FRIEND...

I MUST MAKE MY FIRST SHOT COUNT... DID IT!

BY THE ELDERS / WHAT MADNESS IS THIS?

KA-TOOM!

THE ATTAK TRAK SPEEDS FORWARDS UNTIL STOPPED BY THE MIGHTY MAN OF MUSCLE...

HOW CAN A DRIVERLESS VEHICLE ATTACK US? WHAT COULD HAVE BEWITCHED THIS MACHINE?

?!

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW, HE-FOOL! HMMM, TIME TO CHANGE VEHICLES...!

AS SOON AS HE-MAN HAS TAKEN CARE OF ONE THREAT, A SECOND ONE REVEALS ITSELF...

KRASH!

THAT SHOULD SLOW DOWN THIS VEHICLE!

NOW THAT HE-MAN HAS STOPPED THE ATTAK TRAK I'LL SIMPLY TRANSFER TO THIS WIND RAIDER. HA, HA! WHAT DEVILISH FUN!

NOW THE WIND RAIDER IS ACTING UP!

PERHAPS IT'S TRYING TO ESCAPE...

NO, MAN-AT-ARMS, I'M NOT TRYING TO ESCAPE. MERELY GAINING ENOUGH HEIGHT...

... TO MAKE THIS POWER-DIVE TOWARDS THE ROYAL COUPLE!

THE MIGHTY MORTAL LASHES OUT WITH A SUPER BLOW...

ALL I NEED IS ONE GOOD... THUNDER PUNCH!

THOOM!

HE-MAN'S PUNCH SENDS THE WIND RAIDER FALLING TOWARDS THE HIDING PLACE OF SKELETOR.

AGH! I MUST TRANSFER MY MIND BACK TO MY BODY...

... AND GET OUT OF THE WAY! CURSE THE LUCK OF HE-MAN!

KER-RASH!

BY THE FIRES OF SUMASON... I HAVE DROPPED MY ENCHANTED STATUE!

THE RAIDER HAS CRUSHED IT, MASTER!

WITH THE STATUE DESTROYED, SKELETOR NOW BEGINS HIS SECOND LINE OF ATTACK.

INTO YOUR MACHINES, EVIL WARRIORS! WE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION AND THE SMALL NUMBER OF HEROES HERE TO MAKE OUR SECOND ATTACK!

AS SKELETOR PREPARES HIS ATTACK THE HEROIC WARRIORS ARE MAKING THEIR OWN PLANS...

ALL THE OTHER WARRIORS ARE DEFENDING THE CASTLE AND THE PALACE. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S WE THREE AGAINST WHATEVER IS IN THE WOODS.

GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE, MOSS MAN. WAIT! I CAN HEAR SOMETHING BEHIND THE TREES...

SKELETOR AND HIS CRONIES! AT LEAST WE NOW KNOW WHO WAS BEHIND THOSE STRANGE ATTACKS!

CRASH!

CRASH!

WELL LET'S PAY THEM BACK FOR SPOILING THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

WELL IF IT'S A FIGHT THEY WANT, THEY'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE!

THE AIR FILLS WITH THE SOUNDS OF LASER BOLTS AND SCREAMING METAL AS THE MACHINES OF MAYHEM CLASH IN A BATTLE ROYAL!

FZZZZZZT FZZZZZZZT

TWAK!

UGH! THAT LASER BOLT HIT ME WHEN I WASN'T EXPECTING IT... CAN'T STOP MYSELF FROM FALLING!

HA, HA! MAN-AT-ARMS WILL BE THE FIRST TO FEEL THE CRUSHING PINCER POWER OF MY SPYDOR VEHICLE!

FZZZZZZZZZZZZ

AGGHHH!

THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO EVERYONE WHO TRIES TO OPPOSE SKELETOR!

HANG ON, MAN-AT-ARMS! USE YOUR MACE TO DISTRACT SKELETOR.

AT LEAST I'LL GO DOWN FIGHTING!

OWWW!

SCHHAK

THIS POWER BLAST SHOULD DISRUPT THE JAW MECHANISM AND ALLOW MAN-AT-ARMS TO ESCAPE!

IT'S A PITY YOU CAN'T FIGHT ME, WARRIORS, BUT I THINK YOUR FRIEND NEEDS HELP...

OUR FRIEND?.. MOSS MAN!

PERHAPS YOU MEAN 'WAS MAN'! HA, HA, HA!

THE HEROIC PAIR STARE IN HORROR AS THEY WATCH THEIR FRIEND TUMBLE INTO THE SWIRLING BLADES OF THE RAMPAGING ROTON!

ZIIIIIIT!

THOSE BLADES! IF I DON'T MOVE QUICKLY I'LL NEVER MOVE AGAIN!

HE-MAN'S SINEWS OF STEEL RIP A MASSIVE BOULDER FROM THE GROUND...

... AND THROWS IT INTO PATH OF THE ROTON, CREATING A WALL OF SOLID ROCK BETWEEN IT AND HIS FALLEN COMRADE!

WUMP!

BAH! I UNDER-ESTIMATED THE POWER OF THE ETERNIANS! I THOUGHT THAT BY ATTACKING THEIR MACHINES I COULD WEAKEN THEM, BUT THEIR STRENGTH COMES FROM THEIR BRAVERY!

MASTER, WE CAN ALL ESCAPE IN THE LAND SHARK!

ZIIIIT!

ZIIIIT!

ZIIIIT!

ZIIIIIT!

ZIIIT!

YOU HAVE WON THIS BATTLE, BUT NOT THE WAR, HE-MAN! MY MACHINES CAN BE REPLACED, AS CAN YOURS... BUT WHEN WE MEET AGAIN I SHALL BE THE VICTOR!

WHEN SKELETOR HAS DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW...

THIS VICTORY HAS COST US DEARLY. MUCH OF OUR EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.

ON THE CONTRARY, SKELETOR HAS HIGHLIGHTED A FEW MINIMAL **DESIGN FAULTS.** THE NEXT TIME WE BATTLE, OUR MACHINES WILL BE ALMOST UN-STOPPABLE. IN FACT I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT UP A FEW NEW IDEAS ...

WHEN THE HEROES RETURN TO THE ROYAL STAND KING RANDOR THANKS THEM FOR THEIR HELP...

THIS DAY OF CELEBRATION HAS SHOWN US A GREAT LESSON. WHILE WE REJOICE IN THE SECURITY OF THE WEAPONS WE POSSESS...

...WE MUST NEVER FORGET THEIR POTENTIAL FOR DESTRUCTION!

PERHAPS ONE DAY, WE WILL RETURN TO THE PEACE OUR PLANET KNEW BEFORE HORDAK AND SKELETOR PLACED THEIR ALIEN FEET ON OUR WORLD.

NEXT ISSUE: HE-MAN'S MIGHTIEST FOE... HE-MAN!

Your chance to get all this FREE

The fight for power continues on Eternia. Evil warriors beware! A mechanical warrior and a fist flinging tornado warrior are advancing. Alongside them a new heroic combat vehicle crushes all in its way: Propelled by the most powerful man in the Universe who, this time, packs a powerful punch.

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The first ten correct entries drawn out will receive all of the exciting new items shown in our picture.
All entries must be received by 20th June, 1986. Winners will be notified as soon as possible after this date.
To keep up-to-date with all the action and fun in Eternia, why not join the MOTU Club? Full details are on the back cover of this magazine.

Join the "Masters of the Universe" Club.

MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE CLUB

Full details on back cover.

MATTEL

MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE

PACT OF EVIL

HORDAK IS DEEP IN SINISTER STUDY, WHEN HIS THOUGHTS OF TERROR ARE INTERRUPTED BY THE ARRIVAL OF THE SAVAGE GRIZZLOR ...

GRIZZLOR! I HAVE RETIRED TO THE QUIET AND SOLITUDE OF MY FRIGHT ZONE SO THAT I MAY THINK IN PRIVATE. WHY DO YOU DISTRACT ME?

BECAUSE WE HAVE AN UNUSUAL VISITOR, OH HORRIBLE ONE!

A VISITOR? HERE IN THE FRIGHT ZONE? BUT WHO WOULD DARE?

I DARE, HORDAK! IT WAS NOT EASY FOR ME TO COME HERE, FOR I HATE YOU ALMOST AS MUCH I DESPISE HE-MAN. BUT EVEN MY HATRED IS TEMPERED BY THE REALISATION THAT, FOR NOW, WE NEED EACH OTHER.

EXACTLY WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING, SKELETOR AND WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU AGAIN?

BECAUSE IF WE COMBINE OUR POWER WE CAN QUICKLY OVERCOME HE-MAN. ONCE HE-MAN IS DESTROYED WE CAN CONTINUE OUR PRIVATE WAR.

AS HORDAK CONSIDERS SKELETOR'S OFFER, HIS THOUGHTS RUSH BACK TO THE DAY WHEN HE WAS FIRST BETRAYED BY THE SINISTER SKELETOR ...

FROM THIS TINY MOON WE CAN LOOK ON THE WORLD WE SHALL SOON RULE! AND YOU, SKELETOR, THE MOST ABLE OF MY PUPILS, WILL RULE THIS CORNER OF HORDAK'S EMPIRE IN MY NAME!

THAT'S A NICE GESTURE, HORDAK...

...BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH! YOUR PUPIL IS NOW YOUR MASTER AND ONCE I USE MY SECRET BELT TELEPORTER YOU WILL BE STRANDED ON THIS LIFELESS MOON ALONE, FOREVER!

WHEN I RETURN TO OUR HOMEWORLD I WILL DESTROY YOUR MACHINES! FROM NOW ON IT WILL BE SKELETOR WHO CONQUERS!

FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF TIME, I WILL SPEND MY EVERY MOMENT SEEKING REVENGE ON YOU, SKELETOR! I WILL FIND YOU! I PROMISE!

BURNING WITH AN ANGER THAT COULD POWER A HUNDRED STARS, HORDAK SET ABOUT REBUILDING HIS TELEPORTATION MACHINE...

I'LL USE THE PARTS FROM MY HORDE TROOPERS TO REBUILD MY MACHINES. NO MATTER WHERE SKELETOR HAS FLED WHEN I RETURN, I WILL FIND HIM.

HORDAK HAS NOT FORGOTTEN SKELETOR'S TREACHERY.. BUT FOR NOW HE AGREES TO...

A TRUCE! UNTIL HE-MAN IS DESTROYED WE WILL WORK TOGETHER. HAVE YOU A PLAN TO SUGGEST?

IT'S FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK, HORDAK...

MANY KOTONS AWAY FROM THE FRIGHT ZONE, HE-MAN IS MAKING HIS REGULAR PATROL THROUGH THE MARSHLAND OF MYTOR

IT'S TRICKY HAVING TO POLE-VAULT ACROSS THIS MARSHLAND BUT IT'S BY FAR THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL! THIS PATROL SHOULD BE OVER SOON AND I'LL CHANGE BACK TO PRINCE ADAM AND REJOIN THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD.

AS HE-MAN HITS THE 'GROUND' IT SOON BECOMES APPARENT THAT A MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE. A BIG MISTAKE!

BY THE ELDERS! I MISTOOK THIS MARSH-MONSTER FOR A CLUMP OF SOLID LAND!

AS THE CREATURE RISES OUT OF THE MARSHY WATERS...

FALLING! MUST SPREAD MY ARMS AND LEGS TO OFFER THE GREATEST SURFACE AREA WHEN I HIT THE WATER! THE GREATER THE AREA, THE LESS LIKELY I AM TO SINK!

AT LEAST I DIDN'T GO UNDER. NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS DEAL WITH LAUGHING BOY!

GRRR!

I'M STUCK IN THIS MARSHY WATER. CAN'T MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO... WAIT, WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

BURRRRRR

BURRRRR

AS THE MARSH-MONSTER DRAWS CLOSER, HE-MAN GRABS HOLD OF ONE OF THE TENTACLES AND QUICKLY CLIMBS UP THE SIDE OF THE CREATURE...

WHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE! HMMM, THAT'S ODD... THE CREATURE FEELS WARM AND THAT HUM IS LIKE SOME KIND OF ELECTRONIC MECHANISM!

SOMEONE MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT MY REGULAR PATROL TAKES ME ACROSS THIS STRETCH OF MARSH AND SET THIS MONSTER-DROID TO ATTACK ME! MY POWER SWORD WILL MAKE SURE IT NEVER BOTHERS ANYONE...

... EVER AGAIN!

ZRRAK

FEROOM!

WITHOUT WARNING, THE MONSTER DROID EXPLODES INTO A THOUSAND FRAGMENTS, CASTING HE-MAN INTO THE AIR...

OOF! BOOBY TRAPPED... AND I FELL FOR IT!

KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION, HE-MAN IS UNAWARE THAT FAMILIAR HANDS ARE REACHING FOR HIM...

THE FIRST PART OF OUR MASTERS' SCHEME HAS GONE ACCORDING TO PLAN.

WE SHOULD DESTROY HE-MAN NOW, WHILE WE HAVE THE CHANCE.

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN OUR ORDERS, GRIZZLOR. UNLESS YOU WANT TO ARGUE WITH SKELETOR AND HORDAK!

HE-MAN HAS NO WAY OF TELLING HOW LONG HE HAS BEEN UNCONSCIOUS. WHEN HE DOES EVENTUALLY OPEN HIS EYES THINGS LOOK BAD...

...DOUBLY BAD!

HA, HA! THIS IS WORTH EVEN THE SHAME OF JOINING FORCES WITH YOU, HORDAK / HE-MAN IS HELPLESS!

OUR MINDS HAVE DEVISED THE PERFECT SCHEME. WITH YOUR CUNNING AND MY MONSTER DESIGN WE ARE UNBEATABLE!

WE'LL DESTROY HE-MAN AND THEN LAUNCH OUR TELEPORT BOMB. THIS TIME AGAINST ETERNOS. WHEN THE WARRIORS ATTACK IT, IT WILL EXPLODE AND TRANSPORT THEM OFF ETERNIA AND INTO ANOTHER WORLD!

AND THEN ETERNIA WILL BE MINE...ER, I MEAN 'OURS'.

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH IT, SKELETOR. THE WARRIORS WILL FIGHT YOU UNTIL THE VERY END.

OH GOOD. I DO LIKE A HAPPY ENDING!

WITH THE TWO OF THEM WORKING TOGETHER, THEY MIGHT JUST PULL IT OFF. I MUST THINK OF A WAY TO SPLIT THEM UP... AND AT THE SAME TIME GET OUT OF THIS FIX.

WELL, SKELETOR, HOW WILL WE DECIDE WHICH OF US IS TO RID ETERNIA OF HE-MAN?

HMMM, I'VE JUST HAD AN IDEA —.

LET HORDAK DO IT: ANYONE BUT SKELETOR.

HEAR THAT, SKELETOR? WE HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST. I THINK WE SHOULD HONOUR THAT REQUEST!

NOOO! HE HAS ASKED FOR YOU BECAUSE HE KNOWS YOU WILL FAIL! I MUST DO IT!

THE EVIL MINIONS MOVE TO THEIR MASTERS AS HE-MAN'S PLAN BEGINS TO TAKE EFFECT...

YOU HAVE FAILED TO STOP HE-MAN MORE OFTEN THAN I, SKELETOR! IN FACT, I WOULDN'T TRUST YOU TO DO THE JOB RIGHT!

HOW DARE YOU INSULT THE GREAT SKELETOR! YOU FORGET THAT I AM NO LONGER YOUR PUPIL...

...BUT THIS WILL PROVE I'M YOUR MASTER!

WITHIN MOMENTS, PENT-UP SUSPICION AND ANGER TURNS THE FRIGHT ZONE INTO A TERRIBLE BATTLE SCENE AS THE FORCES OF EVIL TURN ON EACH OTHER...

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BREAK THESE CHAINS NOW THAT NO ONE IS WATCHING.

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UGH! I... CAN FEEL... THE CHAIN GIVING... WAY!

NOW THAT I'M FREE, I MUST DESTROY THAT TELEPORT BOMB SKELETOR MENTIONED!

THAT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE TELEPORT BOMB! NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE!

THOOOM!

AS THE TELEPORT BOMB EXPLODES, THE COMBATANTS STOP THEIR FIGHTING JUST LONG ENOUGH TO SEE...

HE-MAN HAS ESCAPED! HE HAS TRICKED US ONCE MORE!

WHOOOM!

AND NOT ONLY THAT... HE HAS DESTROYED OUR TELEPORT BOMB. GRRR! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, HORDAK!

WHEN HE-MAN IS SAFELY OUTSIDE THE FRIGHT ZONE...

HA, HA. MY JOURNEY BACK TO ETERNOS IS MADE BEARABLE KNOWING THAT I HAVE STOPPED ANOTHER PLAN BY THOSE EMISSARIES OF EVIL! AND BY THE SOUND OF IT THEY'LL NEVER JOIN FORCES AGAIN!

CRASH!

BLAM!

NEXT ISSUE: THE 'CRAWL BOMB' EXPLODES!

Dash it, Mickey! My nephews have run off and left me with the washing up!
Don't worry, Donald. I suspect they're reading *Disney Magazine*.

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IS AT YOUR NEWSAGENTS NOW!

BRAINS, NOT BRAWN!

Tri-Klops, one of the Evil Warriors, was on patrol when he spotted a lone farmer working in a field. Tri-Klops could see that the farmer had just found something important. By using his DistaVision he had no trouble in seeing what it was. He immediately sent a radio code to Skeletor! Luckily, the Heroic Warriors were able to listen to what Tri-Klops was sending, which they wrote down.

Now all He-Man has to do is work out what the coded message says. He-Man studied the message and noticed something special about it that enabled him to crack the code. Can you work out the message?

THE MESSAGE
AMIEJQP HETQP ARMERFQP ASHQP
OUNDFQP AQP RAGONDQP INGRQP.
OMECQP UICKQQP NDAQP EWQP
ANCQP TEALSQP TIQP.

SOLUTION

He-Man noticed that all the words ended in QP and decided to cross these letters out. Then he saw that if he moved the last letter of each word to the front, the 'secret message' was secret no more!

Did you solve the coded problem? If so, you get full marks from He-Man! If you solved it in less than 10 minutes you did it even quicker than the Mighty Mortal!
*There will be another **Brains, Not Brawn** in the next issue.*

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